



Cruising Club of America - San Francisco Station October 6th, 2010- Saint Francis Yacht Club Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Ahari, Antrim, Barker, Baylis, Bekins, Clendenin, Crowley, Cornelius, Dignan, Enersen, Finley, Gregory, Hall, Hedin, Hogg, Hunt, Klaus, Le Roy, Parkman, Quanci, J. Sanford, and Van Blaricom,

1. **Call to order:** R/C Robby Robinson has gone to the East Coast for the Annapolis boat Show then on to the CCA National Fall Meeting in Halifax Nova Scotia. Past R/C Steve Hunt chaired the meeting He thanked everyone for coming especially Terry Klaus for arranging this meeting.

He then acknowledged the passing of past R/C's Bill Birdsey and Bob Allen. The memorial service for Bob will be held on Saturday, October 16th at 1300 hours at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 240 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA.

Members were encouraged to participate. Steve Hunt referred to R/C Robinson's message that he will particularly miss Bob as for a number of years they together not only attended CCA events together, but also a monthly retirement luncheons. He was a great CCA member and friend.

2. **Introduction of Guests:** The day's guests were duly introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

3. **R.C.'s Comments:**

It was announced that:

- Commodore Sheila McCurdy is planning to visit our station next year and attend our luncheon on **Thursday, 10 Feb 2011**, at Corinthian YC.

- Wyman Harris and Jerry Eaton have agreed to co-chair the San Francisco Station national cruise to be held in January 2013. Wyman will comment at a further date – but Dolores and Robby Robinson are really enthusiastic about going on this cruise.
- Doug & Ann Finley and all those who supported them did a great job on the Tomales cruise. Everything from the eight boats that attended to the members who drove, and the weather, all made for the very successful Tomales Bay Cruise. The members were advised to please mark their calendars for our annual Christmas Party to be held Wednesday, 8 December – happy hour beginning at 1730. Terry Klaus promises that he'll have the St Francis Singers for entertainment at 2000 or he'll sing himself!

4. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer reported that the balance of the Station account stood at \$2,619.79. However the financial transactions of the Tomales Cruise were still pending.

5. **Membership Report:** Bob Van Blaricom reported that he was taking the applications of two candidates, Alex Mehran and John Mac Cartney, both experienced and accomplished sailors, and that he was certain of their success. He reported that he had one further candidate, Stanford Keagan, for the next meeting however he expressed his wishes to be able to take at least two candidates to each national meeting.

6. **Entertainment & National Cruise:** Wyman Harris will be reporting on the national cruise in a later date.

7. **Cruise Report:** Doug Finley reported on the successful Tomales Bay Cruise with participation of 8 boats and 34 members and their guests. The weather in Tomales Bay cooperated to the fullest with sunshine and pleasant temperature, a quite rare state of affairs in the area. Jim Cornelius and Doug Finley reported the difficulties in obtaining the permits and the hoops that had to be negotiated including having a minder and a Ranger during the picnic that never materialized. They both mentioned Jerry Knecht's efforts in negotiating us through the bureaucratic maze. They both had recommendation for the future, the results of gained experience.

8. **Environment:** Bill Foss is cruising in Turkey. Jim Cornelius carried a message recommending the members to read an Article in the recent issue of the Time

Magazine on the Oceanic environment, written by Sylvia Earl. Mary Crowley and others who had seen and read the article supported this suggestion.

9. **Gam/Historian/Newsletter**: John Sanford reported on the newest edition of the CCA News and mentioned his attempts at writing obituaries for our departed friends Bill Birdsey and Bob Allen. He requested the membership to send him a photo of the late Bill Birdsey if anyone had a good copy.

10. **Cruising We Do**: David Fullagar is still waiting for his departure to Mexico and may start the day after Columbus Day. He intends to find a crew to help him as far as San Diego before he sails the rest of the way.

Jim Gregory intends to take his boat *Morpheus* to the East Coast via Panama Canal and intends to start on 10/10/10 at 10:10 AM or PM.

Mary Crowley intends to take a trip to San Diego via a 1400 miles offshore *longcut*.

11. **Day's Speaker**: Presiding R/C, Steve Hunt introduced station member Liz Baylis who was going to talk on the subject of **The Evolution of Women's Match Racing**.

Liz Baylis is the Executive Director of Women's International Match Racing Association, **WIMRA** since 2007. She has a Bachelors degree in Medical Microbiology and Immunology. In her present capacity she devotes her full time to promotion of Women's Match Racing in the US and the rest of the world. She has been awarded numerous medals and distinction a few of which are;

- 2005-2006 Linda Elias Sailing Scholarship Recipient
- US Sailing Team Member
- 2000-2002 and 2003 San Francisco Bay Woman Sailor of the Year
- US Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year
- International Sailing Federation-Match Race Committee member 2009-2012

Liz was elected a member of the Cruising Club of America, San Francisco Station in 2008.

Through a very absorbing and intense presentation Liz introduced Women's Match Racing to the audience assisted with a slide show and a video clip. Liz described the WIMRA's efforts in introduction, training and arrangement of races in the US and the rest of the world. The association has created introductory and training courses; Clinics, in the US and some unlikely places like El Salvador, Slovenia and Russia.

She gave an account of the Association's efforts, in the beginning seemingly hopeless, with International Olympic Committee and with International Sailing Association, ISAF to include the race amongst summer Olympics' disciplines.

However, having learned valuable lessons in their unsuccessful bid for 2008 Olympics, the association finally succeeded to convince the IOC and the ISAF for the Women's Match Racing to be included in the 2012 Summer Olympics program. For the present the Association's aims for future are to engage and arrange:

- More countries
- More sailors
- More regattas

Those interested to follow and support the efforts of WIMRA are recommended to log on : www.wimra.org

12. **New Business:** Nominations for R/C.

Steve Hunt representing the Nominating Committee recommended continuation of the present R/C, John (Robby) Robinson for another year. A vote will be taken at the November meeting.

13. **Old Business.** Terry Klaus reported that thanks to the efforts of Jerry Knecht a sum of \$950.00 has been collected to be donated to the Spaulding Boat Centre to be used in aid of Youth Sailing Program. It was reported that the centre was already building a Spaulding design 16' sailing boat. Terry Klaus also reported that an application had been made by the centre to the Bonnell Cove Foundation for further funding and requested letter of support from the members.

14. **Next Meeting:** Will be at the St Francis Yacht Club on **Thursday November 4th** to be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club

15. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned. At 1415 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Zia E. Ahari
Secretary/Treasurer

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